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PICH AND FERNANDO VACA HARVAJA, BUT NOT BY THE
SLIGHTLY LESS FAMOUS RODOLFO GALIMBERTI, NOR BY
INDICTED EIP LEADER ENRIQUE CORRIARAN MERLO. ORTIZ

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TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PINR
SUBJECT: MOVOT
ESZVGMKRGES RETURN, ONE ARRESTED

REF: BUENOS AIRES 8914B

1. TWO OF POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE GUERRILLA
ORGANIZED ORGANIZATION CHALLENGED THE NEW GOVERNMENT
BY RETURNING DECEMBER 20 TO ARGENTINA FROM LONG EXILES,
AND WERE DETAINED ON ARRIVAL FROM BRAZIL AT EZEIZA
AIRPORT. ONE, RICARDO OBREGON CANO REMAINS UNDER
ARREST, TECHNICALLY ON A 4-YEAR-OLD CLAUDE CHARGE,
BUT IS EXPECTED EVENTUALLY TO FACE OTHER CRIMINAL
COUNTS, INCLUDING HOMICIDE. THE OTHER, OSCAR BIDEGAIN,
APPARENTLY WAS NOT HELD ALTHOUGH LATER NEWS REPORTS
SAID HE IS BEING SOUGHT.

2. UNLIKE OBREGON CANO, NO CHARGES AGAINST BIDEGAIN
WERE MADE IN PRESIDENT ALFONSIN'S DECEMBER 13 INDICTMENT
OF BOTH MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND TERRORIST LEADERS
(REFTEL). OBREGON CANO AND BIDEGAIN WERE LEFTWING
PERONIST GOVERNORS, OF CORDOBA AND BUENOS AIRES
PROVINCES RESPECTIVELY, WHO DEFIED ISABEL PERON.
OBREGON CANO FLED THE COUNTRY AFTER SHE ASSUMED THE
PRESIDENCY IN 1974. BIDEGAIN FELL AFOWL OF THE
UNIONS AND THE RIGHT WING OF THE MOVEMENT AND WAS
IMPEACHED AND CONVICTED BY HIS PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

3. SUPPORTERS OF BOTH IN THE PERONIST PARTY'S
INTRANSIGENCE AND MOBILIZATION WING EARLIER HAD SERVED
NOTICE ON THE AUTHORITIES THE TWO WERE COMING HOME ON
THE SAME VARIOUS FLIGHT. OBREGON CANO WAS IMMEDIATELY
ARRESTED ON A COURT ORDER WHILE BIDEGAIN MANAGED
TO HOLD A CONFERENCE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF A PERONIST
HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. THERE HE ISSUED A
STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THAT THE MONTONEROS AS A REBEL
GROUP WERE DISSOLVED AND THAT THEY WANT TO BE
LEGALIZED AS THE AUTHENTIC PERONIST PARTY.

4. NOW THAT "THE REGIME OF THE MILITARY AND THE
OLIGARCHY" HAD BEEN DEFEATED IN THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS,
SAID BIDEGAIN, THE "AUTENTICOS" OFFERED THEMSELVES AS
DEMOCRATIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE
ALFONSIN GOVERNMENT. THE STATEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE
MOST NOTORIOUS OF THE MONTONERO GUERRILLAS, MARIO

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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